

Applicants: Christos J. Petropoulos et al.  
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Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Figures**

*N.E.* Please cancel Figures 1-9 and insert new Figures 1-9.

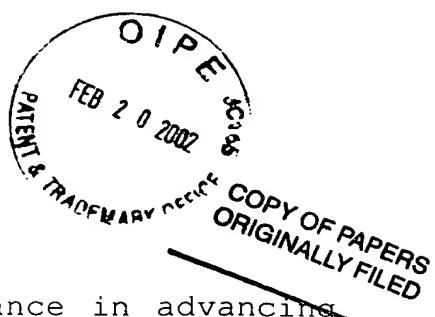
**REMARKS**

The July 2, 2001 Notice requires applicants to submit: (a) a signed oath or declaration and required fee; (b) a Sequence Listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825; and corrected Substitute Figures.

On September 4, 2001, applicants submitted a Preliminary Amendment forwarding a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney, a paper copy and computer readable copy of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences disclosed in the application, and a Statement in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f). Applicants also amended the subject application to delete Figures 10-13 and any references thereto in the specification.

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to replace originally submitted Figures 1-9 with new Figures 1-9 corrected to address the informalities as set forth in the Notice. Accordingly, applicants annex hereto as **Exhibit A** a copy of the July 2, 2001 Notice, and annex hereto as **Exhibit B** corrected Figures 1-9. As required by the Notice, applicants have also amended the subject application hereinabove to delete originally filed Figures 1-9 and insert new Figures 1-9 corresponding thereto, respectively.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

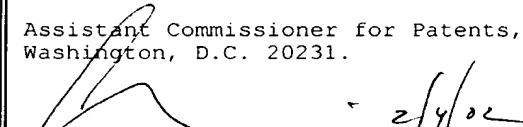
No fee, other than the enclosed \$980.00 fee for the five-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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